



Spy Pond Committee

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Teleconference

Minutes

Attendance: Agnes O'Donnell, Brian Battuello, Dick Terry, Bill Eykamp, Brad Barber, Carol Kycia, Judi Berman, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin

Facilitator: Brad Barber

Minutes: Brian Battuello

1. Introductions - All participants introduced themselves.
2. September Minutes – Approved.
3. Bottles of vinegar on Rt. 2 path
Agnes O'Donnell reported on using vinegar to kill oriental bittersweet. Adrienne Landry demonstrated her method with vinegar bottles on the Rt. 2 path. A bundle of cut vine ends is placed into each bottle. The vines soak up the vinegar. About 25 bottles were deployed – results next Spring.
4. Dredging the Sandbar
Brad Barber exchanged emails with Mark Hayden, the MassDOT engineer running the sandbar project. The contractor plans to start dredging in March 2021. The project completion date is October 2021.

We decided to postpone Trails Day due to the sandbar project. We also discussed the new light poles for Route 2.

5. Massachusetts Water Watch Partnership (1999)
The Massachusetts Water Watch Partnership was a collaboration between volunteer groups, industry, scientists and educators at UMass. They trained and supported volunteers on water quality testing and watershed management. Bill Eykamp was an active participant. He provided background on the partnership, especially on pond algae. One of the efforts was to evaluate water quality by satellite. Unfortunately, they were unable to coordinate the satellite data with the results of water quality testing.

6. Aquatic Biologist for 2021
General discussion of pond analysis and treatment techniques.
7. Invitations to Google and farewell to Yahoo
The mailing list will be managed by Google.
8. New Business
Carol asked about cormorants in the trees by Route 2.
9. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021.
10. Adjournment at 8:34pm.